

# Children's Newspaper

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## RACE TRACK OF THEIR OWN

There's never any difficulty in getting boys to stay behind after lessons at Manland Secondary School, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. They have their own miniature "Silverstone," a mini-car racing track which they built themselves with money raised by selling scrap metal. It cost £28.

The circuit, 26 feet long, has four racing lanes, fast straights, sharp corners, hills, flyovers, and pits. The cars run along brass rails and their progress is shown by an electric lap counter.

### Electric motors

Twelve of the 45 boys in the Manland Mini-Car Club have fitted electric motors into plastic model cars bought from shops. Each costs about 21s. to make, but another 15 are now on the "production line."

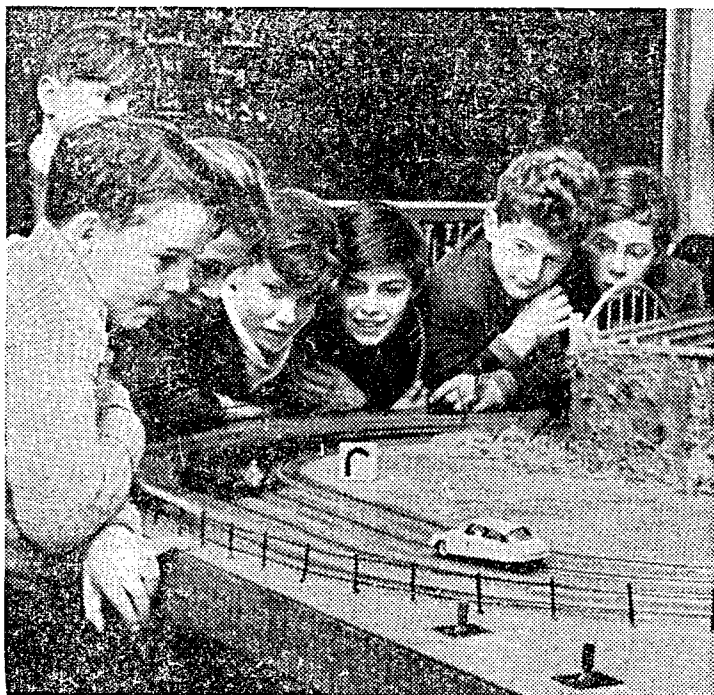
Race meetings are held once a fortnight, and all the boys turn

up, those who have no cars acting as marshalls. Championships are held at the end of each term, with prizes for the winners in each of the three classes: Formula One, Sports, and Saloon.

### Next best thing

The club captain, Peter Crossley, says: "This is the next best thing to driving a real racing car. The thrills and spills are there, and skill and judgment is needed to keep cars on the track. All the boys really enjoy the races, which are over 60 laps—120 laps for the championships—and treat them just as seriously as if they were controlling real cars."

It was the school's metalwork teacher, Mr. Geoffrey Jarvis, who helped the boys to build the track and cars. He also supervises the race meetings and says that the boys are so interested he simply has to make them go home.



All the thrills of the race for the Manland Mini-Car Club

## Young hikers on the Pilgrims' Way

Sixty London schoolchildren are trekking along the Pilgrims' Way between Guildford and Canterbury. In groups of ten—five boys and five girls—they will cover over 100 miles in eight days in the first mixed outdoor course arranged by the L.C.C.

Before setting out they all re-

ceived training in camp-craft and map-reading at the L.C.C.'s rural centre at Ewhurst, Surrey. They are putting up at Youth Hostels, but three nights are being spent under canvas, and the day's log written by candlelight. On their return they will make a full map of their journey.



## JUST A COUPLE OF KIDS

There's surely a touch of early Spring in this happy picture of a pair of kids at the London Zoo

## Parrot with the face of an Owl

Wise as an owl and friendly as a parrot—that is the reputation of the Kakapo, a flightless bird that was feared to be extinct but has now been re-discovered in one of New Zealand's national parks.

A bird peculiar to New Zealand, the Kakapo has the body of a parrot, but the face of an owl as well as its nocturnal habits. About two feet long, it is brightly coloured in green with yellow and black markings.

Said to be affectionate and playful with human beings, it is also highly intelligent. Indeed, there is a Maori legend of a "Kakapo parliament" which held a session

every Winter. It tells of the birds gathering in huge numbers, and after a tremendous hubbub of chattering, dispersing in small groups as though returning to their constituencies.



## NEW MAN IN CHARGE ON TRISTAN DA CUNHA

The remote little island of Tristan da Cunha will shortly have a new "man in charge." Mr. P. F. J. Wheeler, a District Officer in Kenya, is to begin a two-year term there as Administrator later this month, in succession to Mr. Peter Day.

An extinct volcano with an area of 38 square miles, Tristan da Cunha lies halfway between South America and South Africa and is often called "the loneliest island in the world." But Mr. Wheeler,

himself a family man, will not find it lonely. Nearly 300 people live on Tristan, and as Administrator, Magistrate, and Chairman of the Island Council he will be largely responsible for the well-being of them all.

The friendly and hospitable people of Tristan are also getting a new chaplain, the Rev. Charles Jewell, and a new schoolmistress, Miss Ethel Bennett. Both are from Bristol.

## THANKS TO THE GUIDES OF LIVERPOOL

Liverpool Guides and Rangers have every reason to be proud of themselves. Through their good work Great Britain, for the first time, has been awarded the Donald Ross Trophy.

This trophy is an international award, presented annually for sustained effort or outstanding achievement, and these Liverpool girls have won it for their hospital service. Every Sunday for the past 13 years their cheerful faces have brightened the wards of Newsham General Hospital, where they have gone the rounds helping patients to get to chape', and joining them in the services.

Mr. Donald Ross of Vancouver gave the trophy to the Guide Movement in 1950. It went to Indian girls in the first year, for their help after a bad railway accident. Since then it has been awarded to Greek Guides for gallant work after an earthquake; to Australians for rescue and clearance after floods; to Canadians for hospital canteen service; to South Africans for work in village homes; and to Pakistanis for pioneer vaccination and inoculation work during an epidemic.



# Unpaid Secretaries at Westminster

By the CN Political Correspondent

A large group of young men who entered Parliament at the 1959 General Election have just planted their feet on the first rung of the political ladder. They have become parliamentary private secretaries to Ministers.

Nowadays this is the way most back-bench M.P.s begin Ministerial careers. It is not, of course, the only way; and many P.P.S.-es—as they are called—never become Ministers at all. It is certainly no easy way: the work is hard, exacting—and unpaid.

SOMEONE has described the parliamentary private secretary as a Minister's "fag"—in the public-school sense. He is a fetcher and carrier, a ringer-up on telephones, a looker-up of references in obscure but lengthy books. In a phrase, a general handyman. And he is *unpaid*, that is, he remains a back-bench M.P. and gets nothing additional to his yearly parliamentary salary of £1,750.

On accepting office as a P.P.S. a man also accepts certain limitations on his freedom. His parliamentary life, for instance, is dominated by that of his master, the Minister. A good secretary will always sacrifice his own convenience to his Minister's public duty. On all major occasions, at least, he must be at his Minister's side both outside and inside the House. Without doubt, the loyalty of a P.P.S. to his Minister, and his diligence in carrying out his duties, hold a high place among the virtues of Parliament.

## Non-speaking tradition

When he has time he is free to sit and speak in the House—and, of course, he has an obligation to vote. But it is a tradition that he does not speak on any subject in which his Ministry is involved; that is the responsibility of the Minister or his deputy, and not of an "unofficial" P.P.S.

A P.P.S. remains an M.P. and has to keep in constant touch with his constituency and look after his people's interests, both on the spot and at Westminster. But all the time Parliament is sitting he has to act as the eyes and ears of his Minister in the lobbies at Westminster. He must keep in touch with opinion among M.P.s of all parties and report their

mood and views to his Minister on subjects of concern to his particular Ministry or to the Government as a whole.

What, then, is the reward of being a P.P.S. It is the satisfaction of doing a useful job well, plus the hope that it may be a stepping stone to higher office.

A P.P.S. is appointed to serve either a Cabinet Minister (including the Prime Minister), a senior Minister not in the Cabinet, or a Parliamentary Secretary, sometimes described as a "junior" Minister, though in years he may be older than his master!

Often a P.P.S. is eventually promoted to be a Parliamentary Secretary. He is then a Minister and, of course, gets a Minister's salary—and a P.P.S. of his own as well.

## Three stages

He does not necessarily advance in this way. For example, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Iain Macleod, was promoted direct from the back benches to be a senior Minister as Minister of Health. But many members of the present Government have passed through the three stages mentioned—first P.P.S., then Parliamentary Secretary or Under-Secretary of State, and then finally a senior Minister.

It is broadly true that a Minister has better prospects of success in politics if he has a sound knowledge of the parliamentary machine—the knowledge that every P.P.S. has a chance to gain.

A P.P.S. learns about Parliament "from the grass roots" and in the process learns many secrets long before they become known to other back-benchers.

## Model of a Premier



Sculptor David McFall at work on the clay model for a memorial statue of Lord Balfour, former Tory Prime Minister. The memorial is for the House of Commons.

## MARCH IN RHYME

UPON St. David's Day  
Put oats and barley in the clay.

MARCH showers  
Make no Summer bowers.

EAT leeks in March and garlic  
in May,  
All the year after doctors may play.

Traditional

THE stormy March is come at last,  
With wind, and cloud, and changing skies;  
I hear the rushing of the blast,  
That through the snowy valley flies.

William Cullen Bryant

THE hazel-blossoms, in threads of crimson hue,  
Peep through the swelling buds, foretelling Spring.  
Ere yet a white-thorn leaf appears in view,  
Or March finds throistles pleased enough to sing.

John Clare

AH, March! We know thou art  
Kind hearted, 'spite of ugly looks and threats,  
And, out of sight, art nursing April's violets!

Helen Hunt Jackson

IN fierce March weather  
White waves break tether,  
And whirled together  
At either hand,  
Like weeds uplifted,  
The tree-trunks rifted  
In spars are drifted,  
Like foam or sand.

Algernon Swinburne

UP from the sea, the wild north wind is blowing  
Under the sky's grey arch;  
Smiling, I watch the shaken elm boughs, knowing  
It is the end of March.

John Greenleaf Whittier

## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Russia has opened up another 20 areas to foreign tourists, states the Russian Intourist Organisation. Altogether there are now 5,600 miles of roads open to touring motorists.

Britain's paint exports last year reached the record value of £15,383,000.

A thrush ringed in Moscow was found the other day at Acle, Norfolk. It died in the parish churchyard.

### MUSIC IN THE AIR

Passengers on B.O.A.C.'s Boeing 707 jet airliners will be able to listen to tape-recordings of light music, opera themes, short plays, and talks. Using earphones, they will be able to choose the recording they prefer. The service will eventually cover all B.O.A.C. aircraft.

The school at Huntingdon where young Oliver Cromwell was a pupil is to become a Cromwell museum.

### PEACEFUL PEDESTRIANS

All wheeled traffic has been banned from the centre of Kassel, West Germany, except trams and vans serving shops. Motorists must use outer ring roads. And before long the trams will run underground, and vans will serve only the sides and backs of shops.

A black cat named Sooty recently climbed up a chimney at Ipswich and sat on top for 22 hours. Then firemen came to the rescue.

Four thousand volunteers, men and women, are needed to help in 1,000 new clubs which the National Association of Boys' Clubs hopes to establish in the next five years.

The 817-foot tanker *Sepia*, recently launched at Birkenhead, is the longest ship ever built on Merseyside.

A British two-seat glider height record of 20,100 feet has been set up by two R.A.F. men.

### YOUNG SAVERS

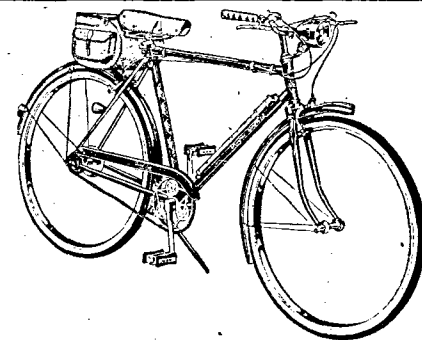
Youngsters from 15 to 19 are the biggest group of savers in the Post Office Savings Bank.

### THEY SAY . . .

SOME people think the British are crazy. Cricket matches last for days, lawyers wear wigs and, in a Mad-Hatter way, everything stops for tea. The weather will probably surprise you, too.

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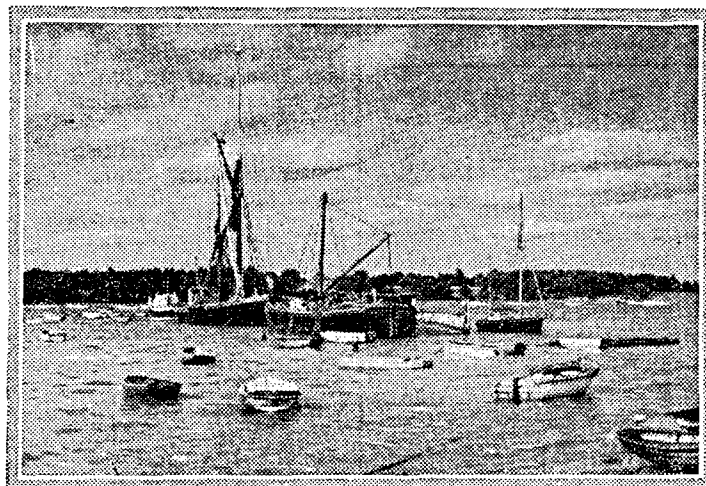
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## It's sledging time in Shetland



Boys of Lerwick, capital of the Shetland Islands, get together with their sledges at the top of a slope which gives a good long run.

## BACK TO THE TOWN CRIER

Learning that it would cost between £5 and £6 every time a mobile loud-speaker was hired, Charlbury Parish Council have decided to advertise for a town crier.

This Oxfordshire town has not had a town crier for 25 years, and a new three-cornered hat and cloak will be needed. The council rather hope some public-spirited citizen will offer to pay for them.

## Burning our blankets

The time may come when we shall burn our blankets instead of washing them.

A hospital in Sweden has been experimenting with blankets consisting of 20 layers of crêpe paper in a linen cover. The object has been to try to avoid infections that are sometimes spread through germ-collecting blankets of wool. The best way to make sure is to burn the blankets and the cheapest for this purpose are paper ones.

A paper blanket for a child's bed costs about 8d. But it is hoped the idea will soon spread to hotels and that with larger production the price will come down.

## U.S. ROCKETS AT KENSINGTON

Boys in and around London who are interested in rockets—and there can be few anywhere who are not—can see some fascinating things just now at the Science Museum, South Kensington. Five research rockets (up to 14 feet long) can be seen there, as well as a nose-cone which came down by parachute after reaching a height of over 100,000 feet.

The rockets are the kind fired to heights of nearly 50 miles. They can be used to take samples of the atmosphere as they travel, and to transmit back measurements of the temperature, pressure, and radiation. When clear of the Earth's atmosphere, they can take photographs of the Sun, or the cloud formations below them.

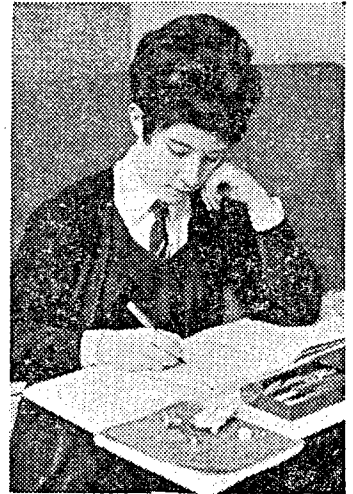
Lent by the U.S. Navy headquarters in London, this exhibition is open until Friday, 10th March.

## Record success for a schoolgirl

The thrill of a disc contract has come to a 14-year-old London schoolgirl, Helen Shapiro.

She was given a record test a few weeks ago by Columbia, following an introduction by her singing teacher, Maurice Burman, and was signed on the spot. Now her first disc (*Don't Treat Me Like A Child*) has been released.

"It's all been wildly exciting, but very hard on the nerves," says Helen. "I'd never been in a recording studio before and had no idea what to expect. Everyone was very considerate. I was told to relax and just take my time. Then the moment I was in front of the microphone, my attack of nerves mercifully vanished. I've done my best and am keeping my fingers crossed, hoping the record will sell well."



Helen is a pupil at Clapton Girls' School, and her top subjects are English and French, though she is also keen on history and geography. She captains the school netball team.

She often sings for her friends at her local youth club.

"I've wanted to be a singer as long as I can remember," she says. "I used to perform for friends and relatives when only four."

As for her preferences in music, she declares: "People often ask whether I go for rock 'n' roll, or for classical records. But I don't see why it has to be one or the other. I like both."

## ACCENT ON HEALTH

A permanent Health Exhibition Centre, the only one of its kind in the world, is due to be opened in London by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother this Wednesday.

Every aspect of public health will be covered from clean air, food, and water, to welfare services. Among sections to be added later will be one dealing with building, for it has been estimated that Britain still has

some 4,750,000 homes without a bath, over 739,000 without piped water, and 294,000 lacking a cooking stove.

Health topics in the news from time to time will be strikingly illustrated at the Centre, which will be at the headquarters of the Royal Society of Health in Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria. It will be open to the public from 8th March.



Find the  
Fault

## COMPETITION

Six new EKCO record players to be won!

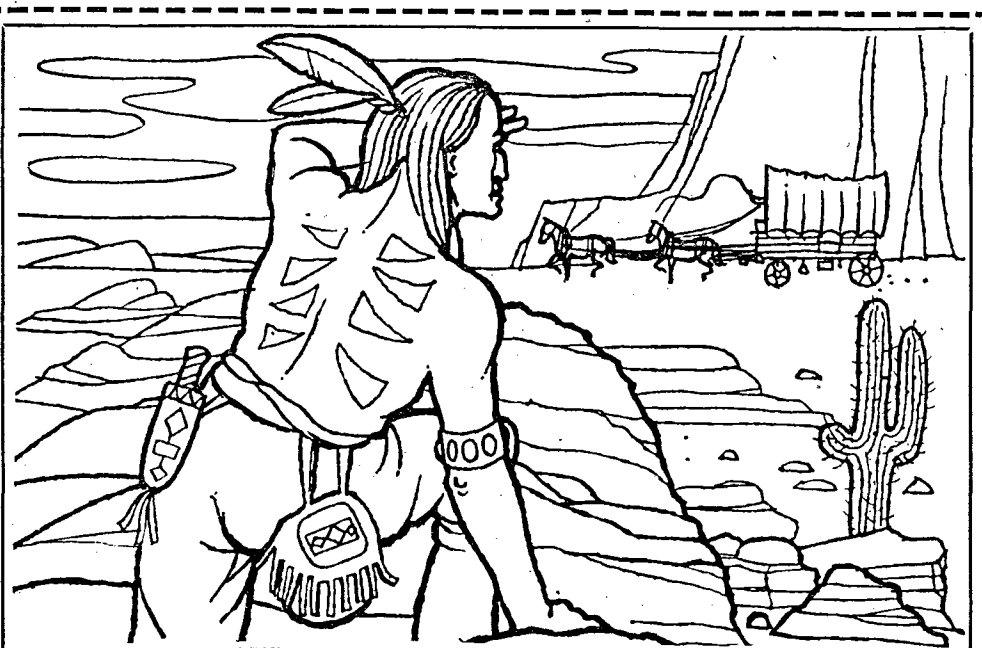
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# On their way to Venus

## RACING A RUSSIAN SPACE-SHIP

Is truth, as they say, stranger than fiction? Viewers of *Pathfinders to Venus*, ABC Television's children's serial which began on Sunday, may well ask.

The story, by Malcolm Hulke and Eric Paice, tells how the Russians send an automatic space vehicle to Venus. It was written many weeks ago, long before the world learned of Russia's latest achievement.

"The coincidence is pretty remarkable," Malcolm Hulke told me. He added jokingly: "The Russians must have had a sight of our script!"



In *Pathfinders to Venus* we find the same small party who landed on Mars in the previous serial. Conway Henderson (Gerald Flood) is in charge, with Harcourt Brown (George Coulouris) still taking a big hand. The children, Geoffrey Wedgwood and Margaret Henderson (Stewart Guidotti and Hester Cameron), along with the rest of the expedition, are looking forward to the return to Earth when the story opens. Suddenly there is an SOS from an



George Coulouris, with Stewart Guidotti and Hester Cameron

American astronaut, Captain Wilson, who has got himself in orbit round Venus and cannot get away. He is short of food and oxygen.

The British party decide to switch their course to Venus instead of returning Earthwards. They then discover that Russia is sending the Captain an auto-

matically-propelled relief ship with supplies, but it will take several weeks to reach him. It looks as if the British will reach Venus first.

The Captain is played by Grayden Gould, the only newcomer to a cast whom many viewers now regard as members of the family.

## GOLD RUSH

### New series from Canada

GOLD rush days begin in BBC television at 7.30 next Wednesday (8th March) with the start of *Klondyke*, a new weekly series from Canada dealing with the stampede for quick fortunes in Canada's Yukon territory in the year 1896.

The hero is tall, tough Mike Halliday, a well-educated young man who tries his luck in the Klondyke against every sort of thug, sharper, and double-crosser you can imagine.

Ralph Taeger, cast in this leading role, is a former baseball player, diving instructor, and fighter of forest fires.

In the opening sequence Mike Halliday arrives at Skagway, the gold rush town, without a cent to his name. He takes a job in a hotel.

## Swinging high with The Chimes

THREE boys from Llandaff Cathedral Choir are included in *The Chimes*, a Welsh harmony group who take part in *Swing High*, a new fortnightly BBC television show beginning this Thursday at 6.20 p.m. This is a TV version of the already popular radio show in the Welsh Home Service.

*Swing High* is 30 minutes of continuous music with the Welsh Dance Orchestra. Says producer Brian Evans: "There is neither compère nor captions—it is music all the way."

## Getting their first chance in Music Club



Pianist John Welch with just a few of his trophies and (right) guitarist Julian Byzantine

Two talented boy musicians get their first chance to broadcast in *Music Club* in BBC Children's Hour this Thursday. They are Julian Byzantine (15) and John Welch (13).

Julian, of Streatham, London, is a guitarist in the classical tradition. His proudest moment was last Summer when he met the Spanish guitarist Diaz, pupil of the great Segovia. Having heard Julian play, the master prophesied a glowing future.

John Welch is from Bristol. He has been playing the piano from the age of five and has taken part in many an Eisteddfod and other festivals. In addition to 21 trophies, he has collected 24 bronze and 14 silver medals.



# FUN and ADVENTURE

### No. 347 BETTE'S SPOOKY BRAINWAVE

Aunt Agnes believes she has won a lottery, buys a guest house, then finds she has lost the ticket! But Bette Carstairs, with her three brothers, saves the day by making a success of her Aunt's venture. You'll love reading this full-of-fun family story.

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## TAKING FRENCH LESSONS TO FRANCE

TAKING coals to Newcastle? Associated Television have gone one better. They have taken French lessons to France. Not long ago the entire French TV network relayed to senior school-children ATV's *Ici La France* programme for British schools.

French children watched the programme at the same time as viewers in the Midlands. It was screened in the North, Wales, and the West the following day.

It was only by chance that the French TV authorities got to know of the programme. Mr. Robert Webb, head of ATV's education department, was in Paris giving a private showing of *Ici La France* to school TV experts from all over Europe. A French TV representative was so impressed that he asked to show it on their own school networks.

## IN SEARCH OF THE JOKER, A MAN OF MANY DISGUISES

To introduce a master of disguises as a leading character in a sound radio drama takes some doing. But author Kevin McGarry has tackled the problem in *Deadline for Danger*, a new four-episode adventure series beginning on BBC Children's Hour next Friday.

Fred Fothergill, of a British news agency, is sent on a story to

the United States, and discovers that a rival, Dan Page, is on the same trail. Their quarry is "The Joker," who, although reported to be dead, turns out to be very much alive. His many and varied disguises fool the reporters time after time.

Martin Starkie plays Fothergill, Alan Tilvern is Page, and Anthony Jacobs plays "The Joker."

## Olly the Owl gets plenty of fan letters

OLIVER BEAK, the egg-minding owl with the Yorkshire accent, began in quite a small way last year in Associated-Rediffusion's *Lucky Dip*, helping Wally Whyton while Pussy Cat Willum was on holiday.

Although "Olly" still makes only odd appearances, he gets



Oliver Beak gets some advice from Pussy Cat Willum

quite a fan mail from children and also has lots of admirers among the grown-ups. Since he took to egg-minding, he has had loads of egg-minding bags sent to him, and children have offered to help him at the job.

"Mind you, ah'd better be honest," he says. "I get t'eggs, but Muriel Young minds 'em."

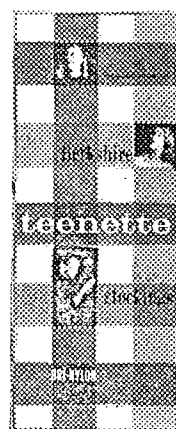


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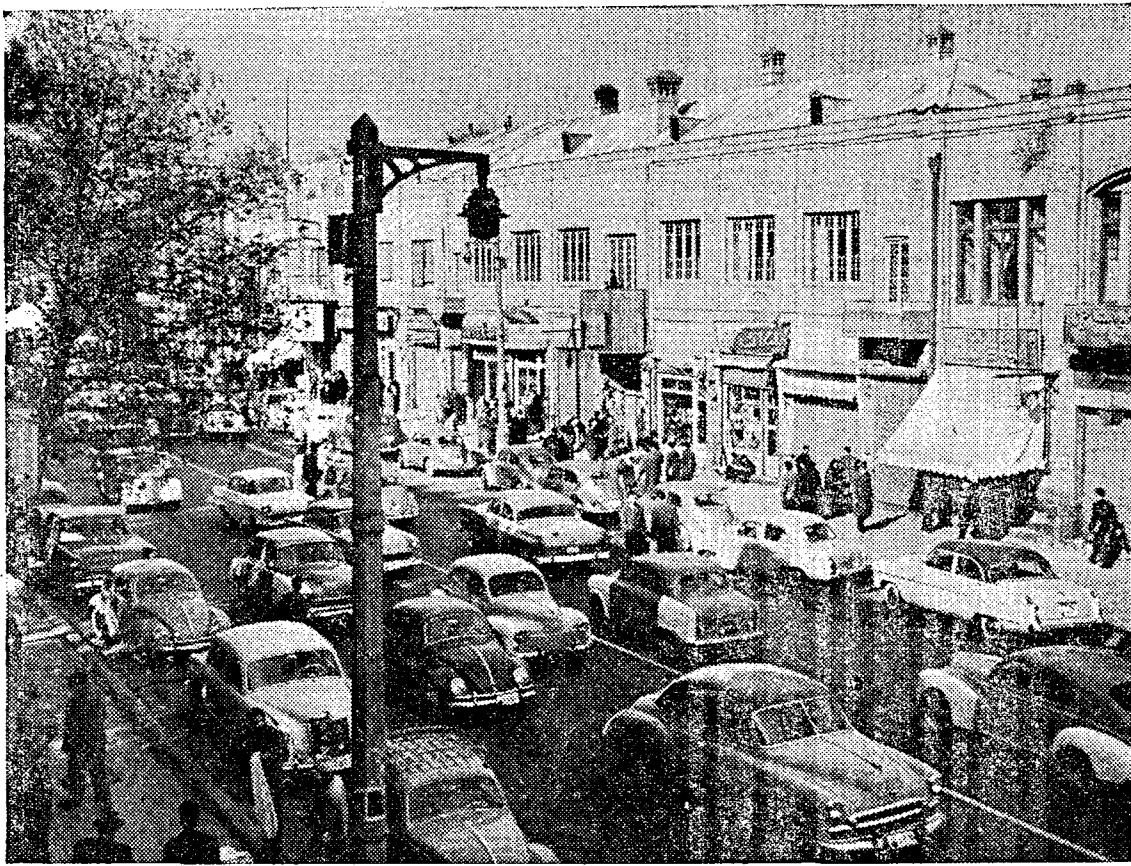


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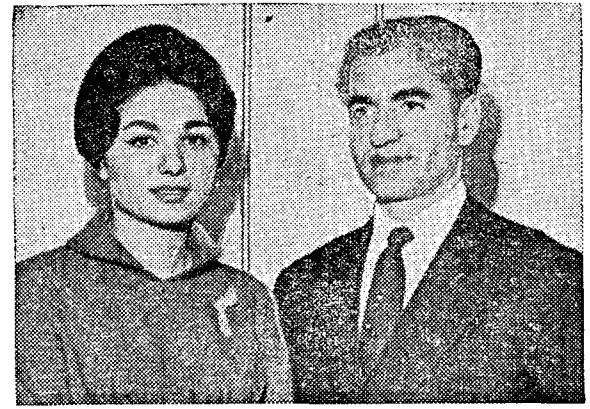
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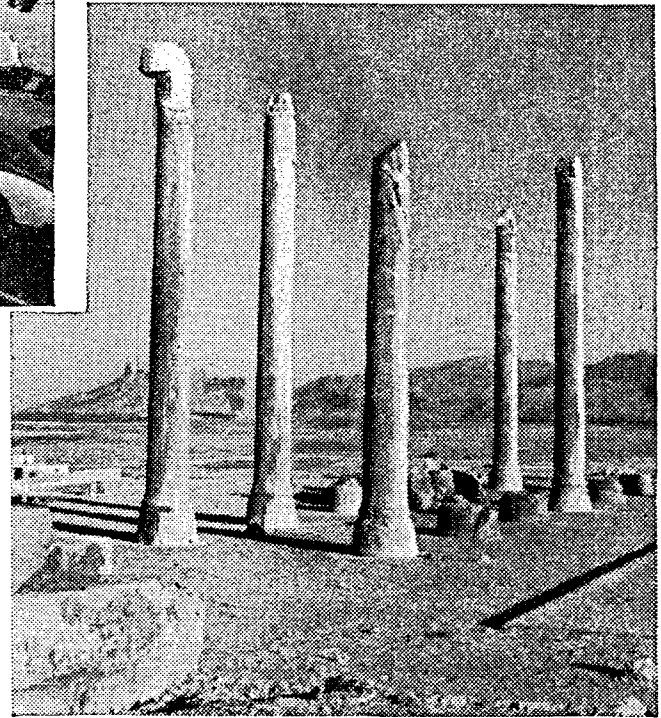
A crowded street in Tehran, the capital, a city of two million people



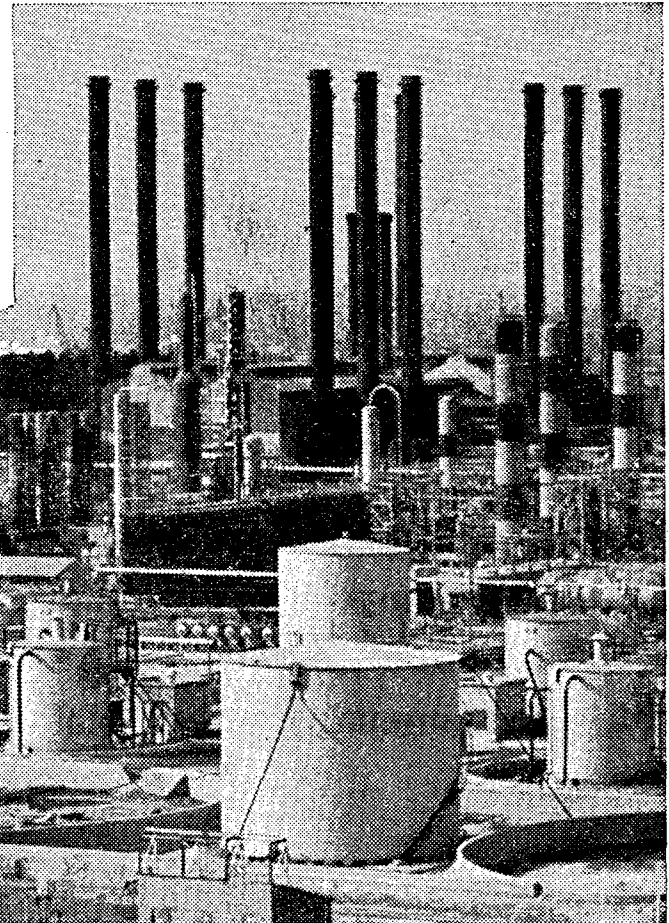
The Shah of Iran and Queen Farah



Camel caravan crossing an ancient bridge near Isfahan



Ruined columns at Persepolis, capital of the ancient Persian empire



The towering chimneys of the great oil installations at Abadan

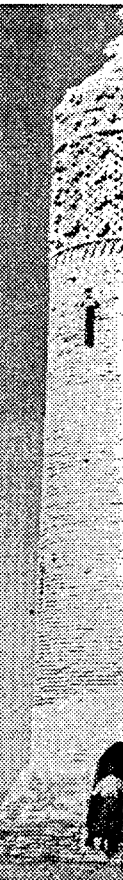


Time for a laugh and a chat—students at Tehran University

ON 2nd May Prince Fardoush visited the country with a future of great promise. The country has a population of 62,800,000—twelve times that of Britain. But the population is still about 19 million.

The Persian Empire was founded in the 6th century BC by Cyrus the Great, who was overthrown by Alexander the Great from the north. The Persians were overrun in the 7th century by the Arabs, and in the 16th century by the Turks. The Persians began to come back to power in the 16th century when Abbas the Great fought the Persians and founded the next great kingdom. The Persians who in the 19th century were invaded by the British. The creation of the modern state of Iran was the work of a man who came to power in 1925 and who abdicated in 1979. Since then, the country has been ruled by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

IRAN'S vast oil resources are its greatest asset. The country's exports are mainly oil, but it also exports cotton, wool, and other goods. Outside the country, the people of Iran are known for their rich culture, their art, and their literature. The country's mineral wealth includes oil, gas, copper, and lead.



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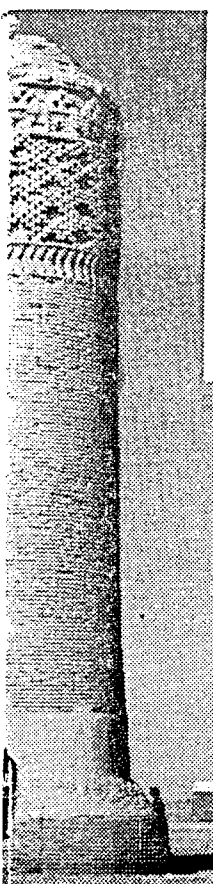
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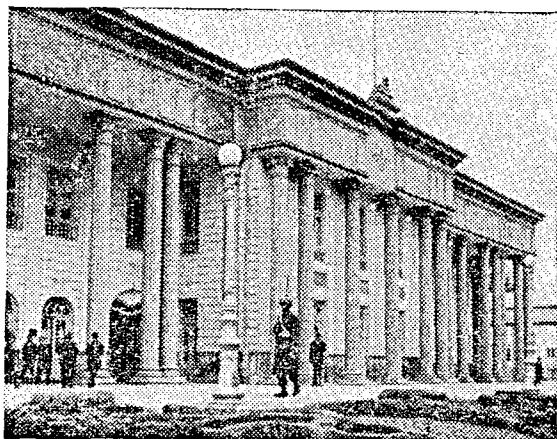
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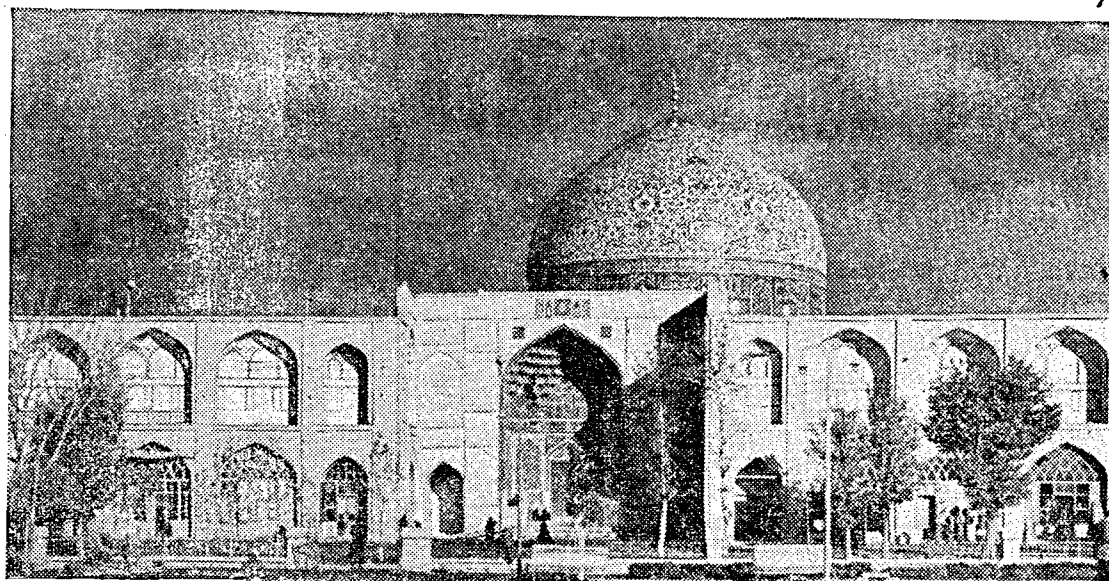
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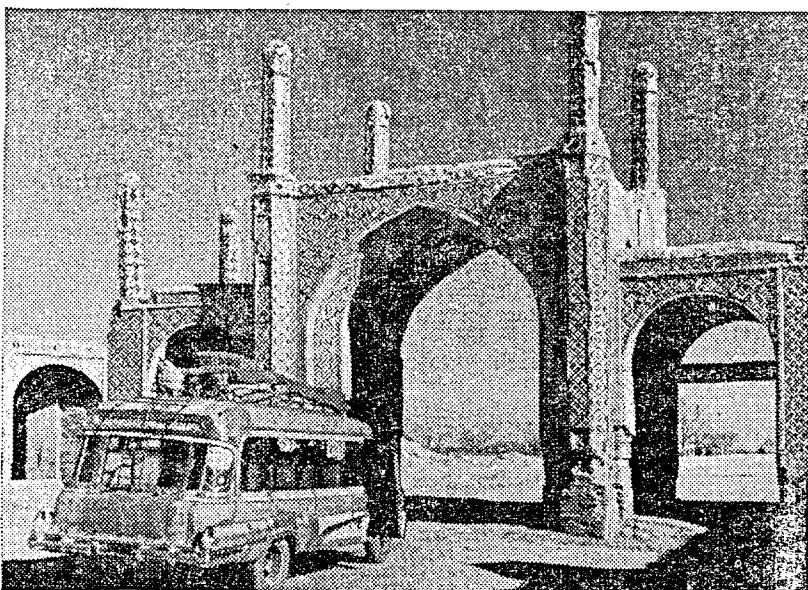
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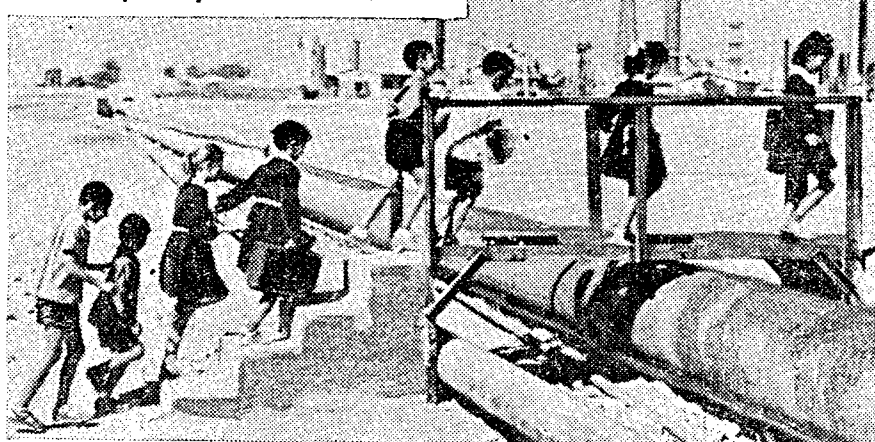
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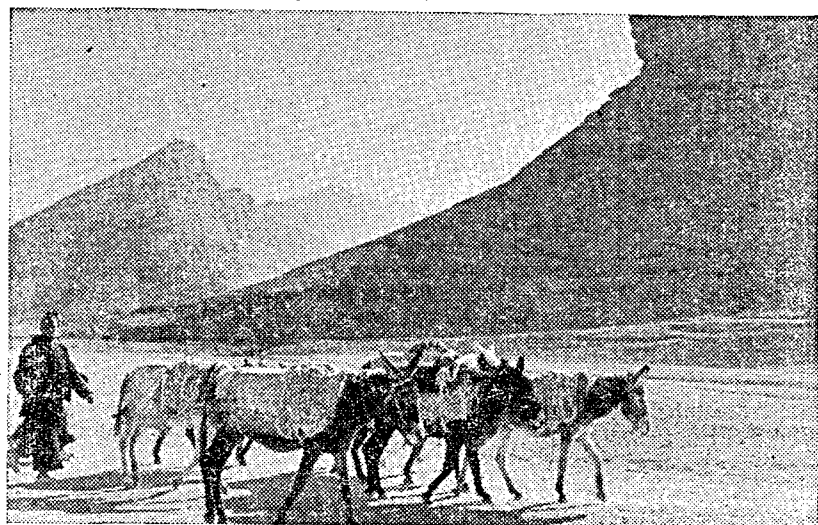
The old town gateway at Qazvin, 87 miles north-west of Tehran



In a primary school at Abadan



Children crossing an oil pipe-line on their way to school



Returning home from market with their mules



A flock of sheep in wild country near the Turkish border



Peasant father and son



Fishermen of Hormuz Island in the Persian Gulf



## ON RECORD

### New discs to note

**STEVE RACE:** *Like Latin* on Parlophone R4730. This popular pianist and musical quiz-master from Children's Television has written a first-class melody and plays it against the rhythms of the West Indies. A compelling recording of a catchy tune. (45. 6s.)

**ED WHITE:** *Coral Reef* on Pye 7N15320. Edward White is the composer of *Puffing Billy* and the background music for *A To Zoo*. For this recording he has gathered together a very large orchestra. Originally intended for stereo reproduction (on Pye NSR15320) this is still highly effective on normal mono equipment. (45. 6s. 4d.)

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**BENNY HILL:** *Gather In The Mushrooms* on Pye 7N15327. This is described by Benny as an "olde Englishe folke song" and he sings this country tale very seriously; but it is doubtful if the listener will manage the same gravity. (45. 6s. 4d.)



**JOHN McCORMACK:** *Songs of Ireland* on HMV 7ER5188. The late John McCormack was at his best singing the old melodies of his homeland. In particular, *The Garden Where The Prairies Grow*, which is always associated with this famous tenor. (EP. 10s. 11½d.)

**RONALD CHESNEY:** *Johnny's Magic Harmonica* on HMV 7EG8617. A musical story told by Denise Bryer introduces many nursery rhymes as well as the harmonica playing of Ronald Chesney, whose skill may well be described as magical. Denise is heard as Johnny, whose adventures make grand listening (EP. 10s. 11½d.)



**IAN STEWART:** *More Million-Sellers* on Fontana TFL5120. The non-stop parade of music which has been successful for the years between the 1920s and the present day is played in great style by the twinkling fingers of Ian Stewart at the piano. There are so many numbers that there is no room to list them all. (LP. 35s. 9½d.)

**MICHAEL HILL:** *Blue On Blue* on Parlophone R4727. Michael differs from most popular recording artists in that he plays a harpsichord. For this disc he weaves his harmonies with the string section of the Johnnie Spence Orchestra, and the combination is highly successful. (45. 6s.)

**THE CHEROKEES:** *Cherokee* on Pye 7N25066. The well-known Ray Noble composition provided this instrumental group with its name as well as some first-class material for this new recording. The rhythm is good and the arrangement interesting, making this disc an excellent choice for those who like a good, steady tune. (45. 6s. 4d.)

## Out and about in March

**MARCH**, as the old saying has it, comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. In other words, it is still Winter when March begins, but by the end of the month, if we are lucky, it is Spring once more.

All our resident garden birds are in full song in March—blackbird, song thrush, mistle-thrush, robin, hedgesparrow, wren, and chaffinch. And sometime in the last ten days of March, in parks and gardens on the outskirts of towns, you may well hear the song of the first of our Summer migrants, the chiff-chaff. Of all British bird song (after the cuckoo's), this is the easiest to identify, for it just goes *chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff* all day long. The bird itself is a small greenish olive-brown warbler, and when it is not singing is very hard to distinguish from its close relative, the willow-warbler.

### Eggs in time for Easter

Many of our resident garden birds already have eggs in the nest by the end of March, among them the blackbird, both thrushes, hedgesparrow, and robin. My own earliest dates for nests with eggs of these species are 3rd March for the song thrush, 13th March for the robin, 20th March for the blackbird, 23rd March for the mistle-thrush, and 26th March for the hedgesparrow.

Of these, the song thrush and

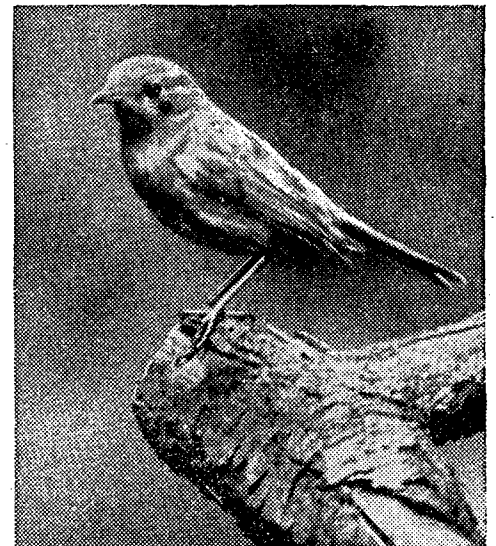
robin are distinctly on the early side, and normally I should not expect to find them till after 20th March. The mistle-thrush, on the other hand, can have eggs in the nest much earlier in favourable seasons, even at the end of February.

In the parks you may also see some other birds sitting on nests before the end of March, the wood-pigeon, mute swan, and coot among them. The tawny owl, too, though you cannot see its nest, which is in a hole in a tree, lays its eggs in late March.

March is the month when the first butterflies normally appear. Any sunny day after about 12th March is likely to produce the first small tortoiseshell, peacock, or yellow brimstone butterfly. These butterflies have been hibernating during the Winter, often in dark corners in sheds and out-houses, sometimes even in the house, if they can find some corner that is not regularly cleaned.

Several kinds of moth, mostly those with looper caterpillars, make their first appearance in March. One is the March moth, a dull greyish insect, whose females are wingless, like the vapourer, Winter moth, and a few others. The males can often be found on suburban fences and palings in the daytime, and at night they sometimes come to street lights.

In March the lover of wild flowers can start taking a real interest in things: indeed, members of the Wild Flower Society have



The chiff-chaff, little warbler that sings *chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff* all day long.

an annual competition among themselves to see who can find the largest number of flowers in bloom on one day in the first week in March.

Last year 120 different kinds of flower were found in bloom in some parts of the British Isles at the beginning of March, and the prize was won by two members who found 66 of them on 2nd March in Devon. The prize for juniors was won by a 16-year-old Wiltshire girl, who found 59 flowers in bloom. A brother and sister, aged 9 and 7, found no fewer than 32 flowers in bloom in Warwickshire.

One of the flowers you should certainly find in bloom before the end of March, is the lesser celandine, which has bright shiny yellow petals like a buttercup.

RICHARD FITTER

### TRAINING LEADERS

Six hundred full-time youth leaders will be trained in the next five years at the new National Youth Training College at Leicester.

## CENTRAL AFRICAN PIONEER—the story of Cecil Rhodes (10)

Rhodes' part in plotting a rising in the Transvaal was discovered after the fiasco of the Jameson Raid.

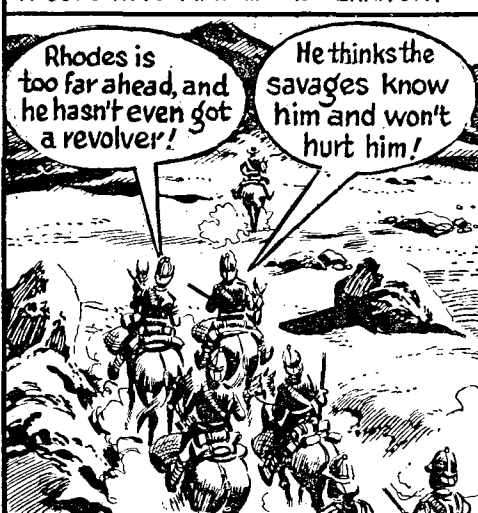
He had to resign as Prime Minister of the Cape Province. Censured by the British Government,

he maintained that he had only tried "to force President Kruger into a more reasonable policy."

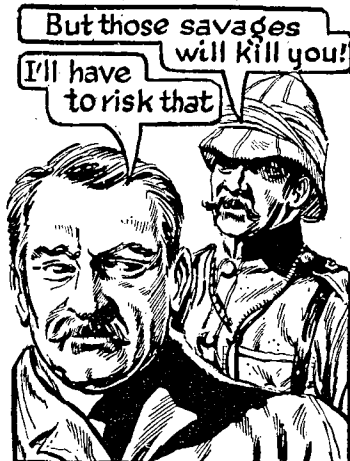
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The Children's Newspaper, 4th March, 1961

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# JUST LIKE JENNINGS

by Anthony Buckeridge

## 1. Hasty departure

THE exact moment at which a new term actually starts was a question that was often debated by the boarders of Linbury Court Preparatory School during the train journey from London to Dunhambury.

Some argued that the holidays came to an end as one boarded the school train, and that the waving of the guard's green flag was a signal that another 13 weeks of mental toil was already under way. Others, hoping to prolong the freedom of the holidays by a brief two hours, maintained that a new term did not really begin until one set foot inside the school gates. There was something to be said on both sides, and those who held strong views on the matter would spend the entire journey in futile wrangling without reaching any agreement.

But however much opinions were divided as to when the current Summer term might truly be

said to have commenced, there was never any doubt that the troubles which beset the smooth running of the school during those fateful days of May and June began at the very moment when the school train was pulling away from the platform.

Mr. Carter stood by the book-stall at Victoria Station watching the afternoon travellers drifting past on their way to and from the platform. Here and there among the crowd he noticed the familiar, crimson caps as members of the school party arrived for the three o'clock train. From time to time the crimson caps would dart in and out of the crowd as boys broke away from their parents and rushed to greet one another with excited yelps of recognition. Then Mr. Carter, himself, would be spotted and the brightly-coloured caps would swarm round him like bees round a honeypot. There would be delighted squawks: "Hello, sir! Have you had a decent holiday?" followed by a sticky handshake; and then

the caps would dance off again to join the queue of black Homburgs and assorted feminine headgear passing through the barrier.

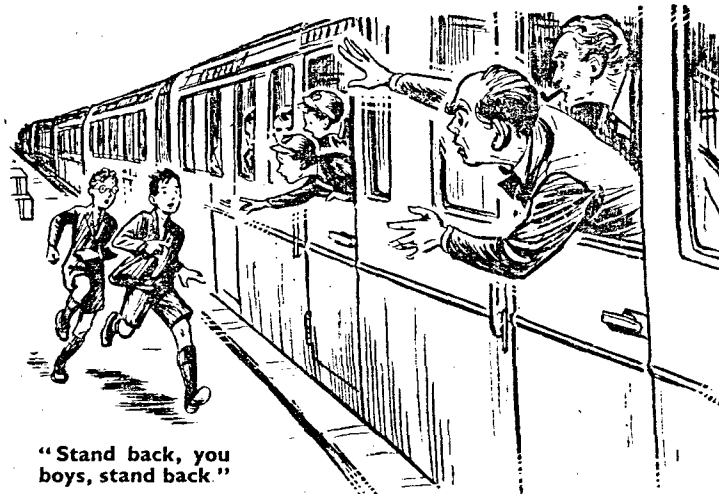
With a glance at the station clock Mr. Carter made his way to the barrier and strolled along the platform towards the coach reserved for Linbury Court School. It was important to make sure that all the boys had found the seats allocated to the school party, for only the front portion made the journey to Dunhambury.

### Enter Mr. Wilkins

Most of the passengers on the train alighted at intermediate stations, and for this reason the rear coaches were uncoupled at Southaven Junction some ten miles before the market town of Dunhambury was reached.

Ahead of him Mr. Carter could see the tall figure of Mr. Wilkins listening with a fixed and unhappy smile to an anxious mother seeking reassurance about her son's welfare.

"Yes, yes, of course, Mrs.



"Stand back, you boys, stand back"

Venables. I entirely agree with you," Mr. Wilkins was saying politely, while one eye glanced about him seeking some means of escape. "I think you're absolutely right about Graham's cough medicine, and I'll certainly speak to Matron about his Summer vests." The roving eye caught sight of Mr. Carter, and with a word of apology he switched off the fixed smile and hurried away to join his colleague.

"Hello, Carter! Thank goodness you've turned up," Mr. Wilkins said in tones of relief. "Delighted though I am to chat to Mrs. Venables about her son's progress, I wish to goodness she wouldn't talk to me as though I was the school matron. Parents! Tut, tut, tut! They're nearly as bad as the boys."

Mr. Carter smiled. He was by nature a man of calm disposition

who remained unperturbed amid the hurly-burly of boarding-school life. Having a deep understanding of the boys in his care, he was often amused by the exasperated attitude of his friend, for Mr. Wilkins, though kind at heart, was brusque in manner and had little patience with the antics of the rising generation.

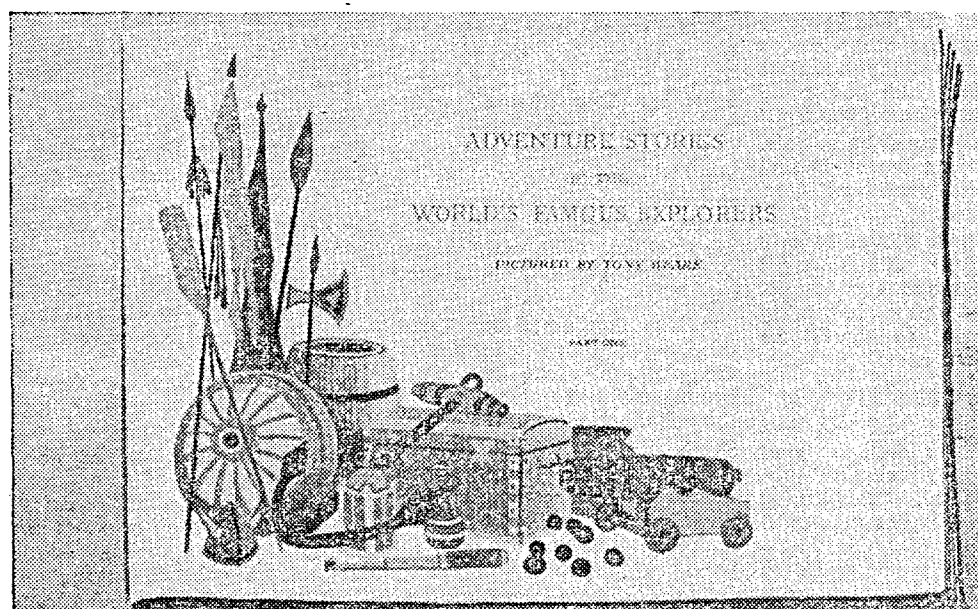
"Never mind, Wilkins," said Mr. Carter. "You'll have more than the parents to worry about when you get back to school."

By now they were approaching the coaches reserved for the school party and ahead of them the platform was thronged with boys taking leave of their parents and hopping in and out of the carriage doors. Atkinson, clutching a cricket bat in one hand and a jar of giant humbugs in the other, was arguing with Temple

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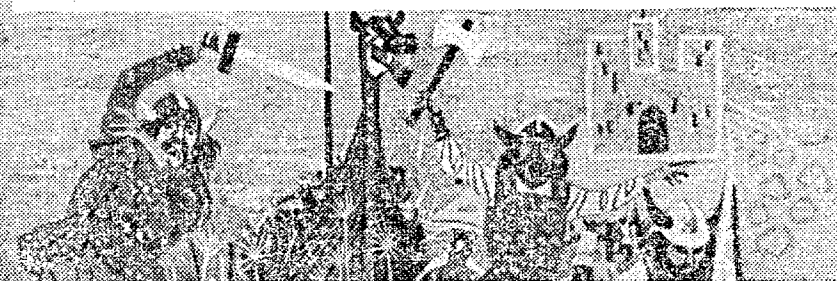


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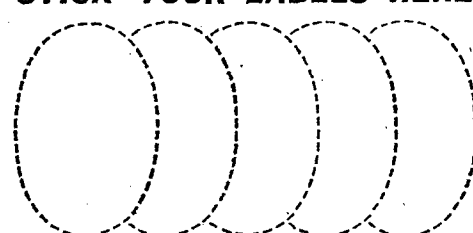
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INSTEAD of having their newspapers delivered by a local newsagent, as most British families do, many French people, especially in the country districts, receive them by post.

The rate of postage on newspapers in France has always been low—at one time it was less than a farthing—but the stamps at present being used on newspapers have attractive designs.

Each value shows the coat-of-arms of a different French town. That of Lille, pictured here, is familiar because the fleur-de-lis shown on it is also the emblem of the Boy Scouts.

A collector interested in heraldry can make a fine display of stamps



which have heraldic designs. The Royal Arms of the United Kingdom, for instance, appear on some

of the high value stamps of King George VI. Unfortunately, the designer did not have room to include the lion which should stand on the crown above the shield. Neither did he include the motto, "Dieu et Mon Droit," on which the supporters—the lion and the unicorn—ought to be standing.

The three lions of England appear in the first and fourth quarters of the Royal Arms. Three lions in the same pose (known in heraldry as "passant guardant") were adopted 700 years ago as the coat-of-arms of Tallinn, capital of Estonia, one of the countries bordering the Baltic Sea. Later the lions came to be regarded as the emblem of the whole country and they were featured on many Estonian stamps issued before the Second World War.

Since 1944 Estonia has been one of the 15 republics which form the Soviet Union and Russian stamps are used there. A recent issue has a view of Tallinn, with the new Estonian flag waving above it. The emblem on this flag is the Communist hammer, sickle, and



star which is also featured on stamps of Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia.

In recent years Luxemburg has issued several series of stamps showing coats-of-arms in their full colours, including even gold and silver. Switzerland, Poland, and Germany have also issued many heraldic stamps.

JUST about this time every year the Swiss Post Office issues a series of what it calls "publicity



stamps." Some of these always advertise forthcoming events in Switzerland, so that people planning to spend holidays there may know what attractions to visit.

This year's publicity series includes a 20-centime stamp drawing attention to the world ice-hockey championships being held this month in Geneva and Lausanne. Another value advertises the exhibition of hygiene, gymnastics and sport to be held during the Summer months at Berne.

C. W. HILL

## JUST LIKE JENNINGS

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about who had the right to a corner seat. Venables, a lanky twelve-year-old was cleaning an arc of the carriage window with the end of his tie.

Venables ceased his pane-polishing at the masters' approach.

"Sir, would you like to come into our carriage, sir? There's only three of us, plus Jennings and Darbshire, and you could even have corner seats if you like."

"Thank you, Venables, but Mr. Carter and I are hoping to find a carriage to ourselves," Mr. Wilkins replied.

"We'd be quite pleased to have you, honestly, sir. Atkinson's got some humbugs, and Temple's got a moon-man's helmet he's going to demonstrate, so there'll be plenty to do, you see."

## Time to start

"I've no doubt there will. And that's why we're declining your kind and pressing invitation," Mr. Wilkins explained. "Considering this is our last chance of a quiet and peaceful afternoon, we'd rather not spend it surrounded by a lively collection of new suits and close hair-cuts, all champing humbugs and wearing fantastic headgear."

By now it was almost time for the train to start. As the last stragglers scrambled aboard, Temple's face appeared at an open carriage window.

"Sir, please, sir, Jennings and Darbshire aren't here yet, sir," he announced.

"No?" Mr. Carter sounded

surprised. "Venables told me they were in your carriage."

"Yes, so they are, sir."

"Talk sense, boy," Mr. Wilkins said sharply. "If they're in your carriage they can't very well be missing."

"No, I mean they *should* be in our carriage, but they're not," Temple explained. "They bagged seats and then went off somewhere a few minutes ago."

The guard's whistle sounded its shrill warning as Mr. Wilkins distractedly searched the crowd of parents for some sign of the missing travellers. "This is ridiculous! Why can't the silly little boys

"There they are!" Mr. Carter cried, pointing to the far end of the platform where two small figures could be seen peering through the window of the driving cabin.

"Doh!" Mr. Wilkins almost danced in exasperation. "Jennings! . . . Darbshire!" he barked with the full force of his powerful lungs.

The two figures spun round and started trotting back along the platform in response to Mr. Wilkins' frantically waving arms. "Faster! Faster! The whistle's gone!" he shouted. "Run up! Jump in anywhere!"

Glancing round he saw that the guard was on the point of waving his flag. "Oh, my goodness! Tell the guard, someone! Stop the train. I—I mean, don't start it!"

"I wasn't going to, sir," said

Temple. But by now it was too late to restrain the guard whose raised flag sent the two masters scrambling in through the nearest carriage door while the runners were still some distance down the platform. It was also too late for the boys to board the train in safety. Mr. Wilkins decided, so he called: "Stand back, you boys, stand back."

The advice fell on deaf ears. Farther down the train a carriage door swung open and Bromwich could be seen in the doorway shouting to the latecomers to jump in.

## Hop, skip, and jump

They needed no urging. As the train began to glide forward Jennings seized Darbshire by the arm and bundled him aboard. Then for a split second he hovered on the platform alone, wondering what to do. But the outstretched hand of Bromwich was still beckoning, and with a hop, skip and a jump he sailed in through the open carriage door as the train gathered speed.

"Tut! Just like Jennings," Mr. Carter said, shaking his head sadly. "I suppose it was too much to hope that he could catch the train like any normal human being."

"He deserves to be punished—they both do," Mr. Wilkins declared angrily. "I'll have something to say to Masters Jennings and Darbshire in a moment—you see if I don't!"

To be continued



# PUZZLE PARADE

## All ways 45

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THE figures from 1 to 9 have been cleverly arranged so that each line—down, across, and diagonal—totals 45.

## NAME THE FLOWER

MY first is often known as man's best friend;  
My second in the spectrum will be found.  
My whole's a plant with dainty little flowers,  
All over Britain it may abound.

## FIND THE FUNGUS

Can you insert the name of a fungus between the rows of letters to form, when read downwards, eight other words?

I B A S O C F E  
P S H Y E W G U

## Follow the rivers

Can you name the country in which the following rivers are to be found?

Amur; Donetz; Lena; Onega.

## In disgrace

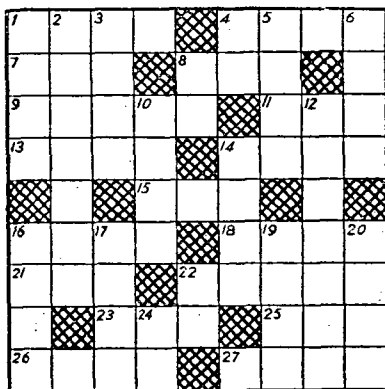
MY little black cat, Frisky,  
Is really in disgrace!  
He grabbed at Auntie's knitting,  
And dragged it round the place!  
Daddy looked so very pleased—  
The only one who *did*!  
And as for little Frisky—  
He ran away and hid!  
It really wasn't Frisky's fault,  
That Auntie was so mad!  
How was he to recognise,  
A cardigan for Dad?

## THREE'S COMPANY

In this word puzzle (a) is a clue to a three-letter word which, with another letter added, gives the answer to (b). A further letter is added to make a five-letter answer to clue (c). Example: fee, feet, fleet.

Answers are given at the foot of this column

- (a) For shooting arrows.  
(b) Huff and puff.  
(c) Underneath.
- (a) Cut off.  
(b) Long bounding stride.  
(c) Run away to marry.
- (a) Cools the air.  
(b) Open tart.  
(c) Animal's side.
- (a) Much-eaten fish.  
(b) Absence of heat.  
(c) Was able to.
- (a) Mother rabbit.  
(b) Sleep lightly.  
(c) A baker's is 13.
- (a) Move on one leg.  
(b) Band round a barrel.  
(c) Shout with excitement.



Answer next week

## Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Exam. 4 Famous school. 7 Salted thigh of hog. 8 Exclamation of disgust. 9 Expos. 11 Poem. 13 Fermented juice of the grape. 14 Type of nail. 15 Which one? 16 Go by. 18 Show the way. 21 Everyone. 22 Maxim. 23 Tree. 25 Japanese coin. 26 Movement of the sea. 27 Yield.

READING DOWN. 1 Display. 2 Chief town. 3 So be it. 4 For example. 5 Scandinavian god of thunder. 6 Want. 8 You and me. 10 Information. 12 Harmed. 14 Daring. 16 Ended. 17 Sleigh. 19 Leisure. 20 Small valley. 22 The morning. 24 French for the.

## Add a letter

To a word meaning a brave person add a letter and get the name of a long-legged wading bird.

Add a letter to a wild bird, and get a domestic one.

A letter added to the name of a flying mammal will give the name of a town in Somerset.

## ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Name the flower. Dog Violet. Add a letter. Hero-heron; owl-fowl; bat-Bath. Follow the rivers. Russia. Find the fungus.

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1 bow, blow, below. 2 lop, lope, clope. 3 fan, flan, flank. 4 cod, cold, could. 5 doe, doze, dozen. 6 hop, hoop, whoop.



A sparkling new series in which we go all over Britain and see just some of the ways in which Mr. Therm helps us all. There's a super new competition, too, with prizes to be won!

MR. THERM is best known to us as a friend in the house. But that's only one side of Mr. Therm's busy working life. He's a hard worker in industry as well. Let's go down to a factory in the South of England and have a look at just one industry where gas plays a very important part.

This factory makes motor scooters. Scooters are a development of those collapsible, lightweight motor cycles that parachute troops used during the last war. They could be dropped from aeroplanes and provided the troops on the ground with a speedy, easy-to-handle form of transport.

It was an Italian industrialist who saw in the lightweight motor cycle the answer to his country's transport problem after the war.

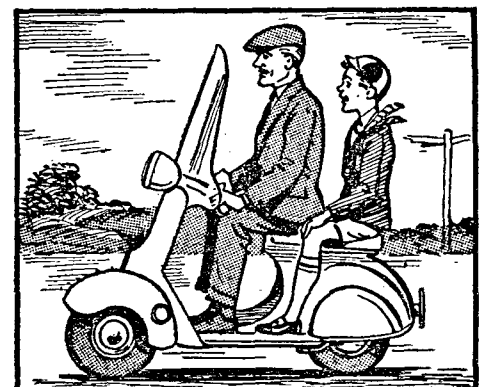
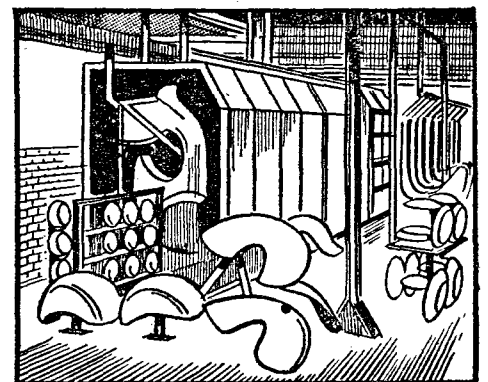
Within a few years, the pop-pop of the scooter was a familiar sound not only in Italy but all over Europe as well. In Britain, it is very popular, and Mr. Therm is a proud member of the team that has helped to make Britain scooter-conscious.

One of the most attractive things about a scooter is how nice it looks. The standard of finish is very high. After the chassis and mudguards have been sprayed with a number of coats of paint, they pass on conveyors into a gas-fired infra-red oven, specially designed to suit the special shape of the scooter. That's the oven in our middle picture on the right.

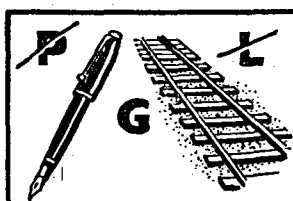
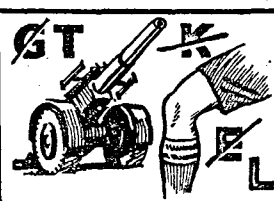
Mr. Therm also helps in making the engine for the scooter. In the foundry, gas is used for drying and for making castings, the aluminium alloy being melted in a gas-fired melting furnace.

Mr. Therm is always ready to help industry get the best out of their equipment with the use of gas. The South Western Gas Board, for example, has an infra-red tunnel, which factory executives can examine and use to try out new ideas.

So next time you see a happy scooter-owner bowling along, you'll be able to think of Mr. Therm, who helps make it possible!



## HERE'S OUR GRAND NEW COMPETITION!



## HERE'S WHAT TO DO

Each of these four panels represents the name of something mentioned in the story above. To discover what they are, you simply "read" the pictures and letters together. List your answers neatly on a postcard, add your full name, age and address, then post it to:

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## OUR A.B.C. WINNERS!

The winners of our A.B.C. Competition No. 5 are Wendy Hall of Welwyn Garden City, Judith Ward of Ilford, and Alan Myatt of Werrington.

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## JAMAIGANS AT WEMBLEY

### West Indian netball team meets England for the first time

At the Empire Pool, Wembley, on Saturday, England meet Jamaica for the first time in an international netball match. It will be England's fourth netball international at the famous London sports centre, and they have never lost a match there.

In fact, in 30 matches since netball internationals were started in 1948, England have been beaten only once. That was against Australia in May 1956.

The Jamaican team, captained by Barbara Buckley, is reputed to be fast, agile, and extremely accurate in shooting. Every player has represented Jamaica in inter-

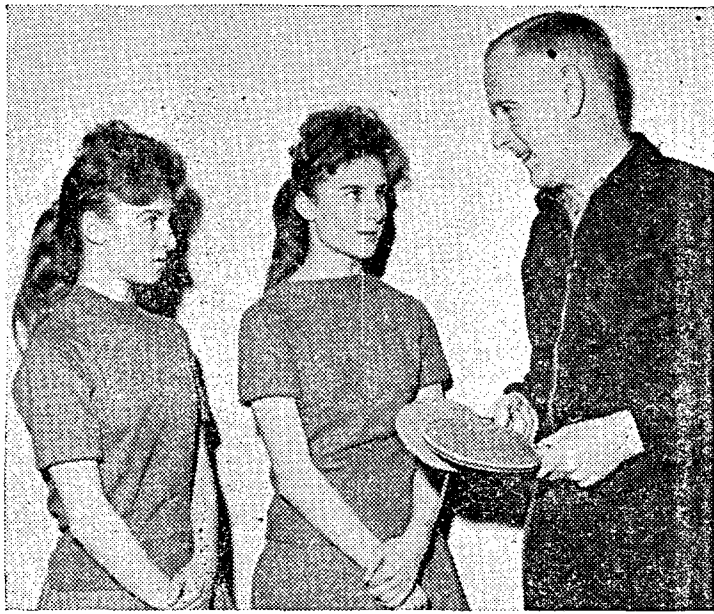
colonial West Indies tournaments during the past two years.

The Jamaicans are due to arrive by air this Wednesday.

One England player almost certain to be playing at Wembley on Saturday is Annette Cairncross. With her Surrey team-mate, Mrs. Ella Fraser, she has already shared in scoring 500 goals for England in the past four years.

To maintain her proficiency, Miss Cairncross has set up a netball goalpost in the garden of her Croydon home, and every evening, wet or fine, she practises her shooting under home-made floodlights.

## TABLE TENNIS TWINS



Jack Carrington, Director of Coaching to the English Table Tennis Association, gives a word of advice to these promising players, the thirteen-year-old Sayer twins, Gloria and Beverley (right) of Walthamstow, Essex.

## CRICKETER FOR FOUR COUNTIES

MR. GEORGE LANGDALE, a master at Welbeck College, Workson, Nottinghamshire, has the distinction of having played cricket for four counties—Derbyshire, Somerset, Norfolk, and Berkshire.

But he has never played for his native county, Yorkshire.

## Guide to pony trekking

MORE and more young people are taking pony trekking holidays—and wonderful holidays they can be. But beginners will enjoy them even more if they learn beforehand how to handle and care for a pony, the sort of equipment needed, and some of the pitfalls that can be avoided.

Much useful advice of this kind is given in Glenda Spooner's book *Pony Trekking* (Museum Press 15s.). For anyone going on a riding holiday for the first time, it is 15s. well spent. The book also gives a list of trekking centres

## Goalkeeper always in demand

MIKE PINNER, the England amateur goalkeeper, must be one of the most travelled of all Britain's unpaid footballers.

A qualified solicitor and now a Flying Officer in the R.A.F., he first came into prominence at Cambridge University. He has played many times for England's amateur international teams; was a member of the Olympic side in Rome; has toured Nigeria with Middlesex Wanderers; and has played on the Continent several times. At the end of this season he will be a member of the F.A. party to tour New Zealand.

Mike has also assisted Sheffield Wednesday, Aston Villa, and Queen's Park Rangers in Football League games, and recently came to the aid of Manchester United when they urgently needed a first-class goalkeeper.

Mike Pinner has refused many offers to turn professional.

## GHANA WILL SOON BECOME ONE OF THE LEADING SOCCER COUNTRIES

THREE years ago Stanley Matthews, the Blackpool and England right-winger, went to Ghana to give coaching instruction to local players. Football was then in its infancy in that country, but the visit of that great player inspired the West Africans.

Today, so swift has been their progress, Ghana is ready to take its place in the football world. There are 18 first-class clubs, which attract crowds of 30,000 spectators, and new clubs and new stadiums are springing up rapidly.

Mr. Alf Bond, former Football League and international referee,

recently completed a coaching and lecture tour of Ghana, and will soon be returning to continue his work to help the West Africans become a power in the football world.

Next month Ghana meets Morocco in the qualifying round of the World Cup. They are expected to win and thus meet Wales or Spain.

## New centre for our athletes

### MANSION AT ROMSEY

THE International Athletes Club, whose members include most of our greatest track and field athletes, will shortly have its own headquarters. Mr. Oliver Cutts, a South London garage proprietor, has offered the club the use of Timsbury Mansion, a large house in spacious grounds near Romsey, Hampshire.

The club intend to make the mansion a centre for the training of athletes and a place where they can meet for discussion and practical coaching courses.

Such a centre has long been wanted by English athletes, and its benefits may soon become apparent.

## Clash to clear the pitch

Plastic sheeting covers Tottenham Hotspur's pitch, but birds come and peck holes in it to get at the worms in the turf. So one of the ground staff scares them off with a pair of dustbin lids every morning.



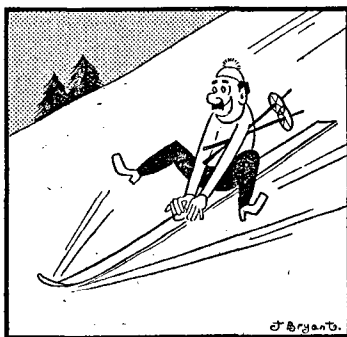
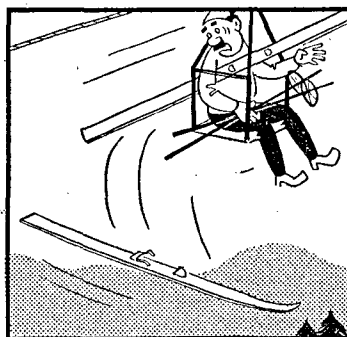
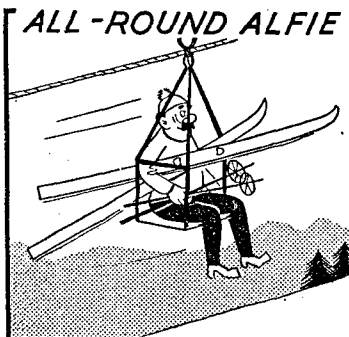
## Another South African girl to swim for Britain?

BRITAIN'S international swimming teams this Summer are likely to include two South African girls.

Natalie Steward, who won backstroke and free-style medals in Rome last Summer, is almost certain to retain her place, and joining her will probably be Vivien Burer, 20-year-old free-style champion of South Africa.

Vivien is now working in London and is in full training. She is eligible for Britain's teams as her mother was born in London. She will swim in the international trials at Blackpool on 6th May and will be all out to win a place in the team to meet the Russians three weeks later.

Vivien has been unlucky in regard to international appearances. In 1958 she would have represented her country in the Empire Games but she broke her leg. Last year she missed the Rome Olympics because South Africa decided to send only a small team. Incidentally, her brother Aubrey was one of that team; he came seventh in the 100-metres free-style race.



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